

Feb. 26, 2014

To Whom It May Concern:

This is special invitation for you to attend our FIREWISE How To Have A Firewise Home event to be held at Hancock County Soil & Water Conservation office at 18335 Hwy 603 N, Kiln, MS on May 15, 2014. This program is part of a new initiative led in our state by the Mississippi Forestry Commission to achieve fire safe planning and development in the wildland/urban interface ... that fringe area of our communities where homes are frequently damaged or destroyed by wildland fire. Evaluations for similar field days in other states indicated that the participants found the information and exercises very beneficial.

As our Mississippi public continues to build homes in areas that have traditionally been forests or wildlands, disastrous wildfires occur more and more frequently. We will likely continue to experience damaging wildfires in the wildland/urban interface until people begin to work together to solve basic community planning issues at the local level.

The How To Have A Firewise Home program is a one-half day event, bringing together citizens, business and community leaders involved in planning, financing, building, sustaining and protecting communities in the wildland/urban interface. Participants will learn about why homes burn, various wildland fuel reduction techniques and how to assess the fire danger of their own home.

I have enclosed directions and a map to the program site at Hancock County Soil & Water Conservation District 18335 Hwy 603 N, Kiln, MS and a pre-registration form. Please complete the pre-registration form and return by fax to (228) 255-9414 by May 1, 2014. We believe that this program may have a significant impact on wildland protection in your area. If you cannot personally attend, please designate someone to represent you. There is no charge for your participation and lunch will be provided. Pre-registration is a must for the noon meal head count.

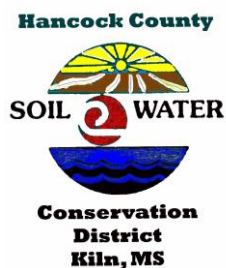
Registration will begin at 9:00 a.m. The program will begin promptly at 9:30 a.m. and end at approximately 1:00 p.m.

We value your participation in the program and look forward to seeing you on May 15, 2014. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Norma Dore', District Admin, at (228) 255-3225 or (228) 395-1503.

The following CFE/CEU/CLE are given for this event: Registered Forester, 2 hrs of category II; Certified Loggers, 2 hrs of category II; Realtors, 3 hrs Elective Real Estate Course, Approval Code 10181; Structural Firefighter, Certificate of Attendance, 2 hrs; credit is not available for Teachers and Professional Disciplines.

Sincerely,
Norma Dore'
Admin. District Clerk
Hcswcd.kiln.ms@att.net

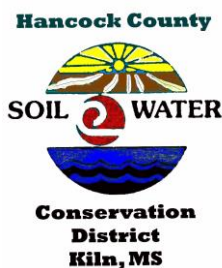
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How to Have A Firewise Home Agenda
Hancock County Soil & Water Conservation Office
18335 Hwy 603 N
Kiln, MS 39556

May 15, 2014

9:00 a.m.	Registration
9:30 a.m.	Welcome and Introduction
9:45 a.m.	Firewise in Mississippi
10:00 a.m.	Break
10:15 a.m.	Wildfire! Preventing Home Ignitions
10:35 a.m.	How to Have A Firewise Home
Noon	Lunch
12:45 p.m.	Evaluations
1:00 p.m.	Adjourn



PRE-REGISTRATION FORM

FAX OR MAIL PRE-REGISTRATION TO:
Hancock County Soil & Water Conservation District
Fax Number: (228) 255-9414
P. O. Box 546, 18335 Hwy 603 N, Kiln, MS 39556

Due Date: May 1, 2014

Lunch will be provided. Pre-registration is a **must** for the meal head count.

Hancock County Forestry Association – Firewise Awareness Event
Hancock County SWCD office
18335 Hwy 603 N, Kiln, MS 39556

Thursday May 15, 2014

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Affiliation _____

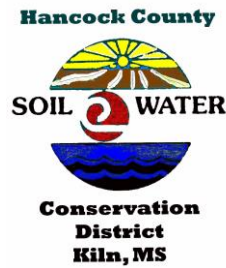
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ | | |



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Directions to Hancock County Soil & Water Conservation District office at 18335 Hwy 603 N, Kiln MS, 39556.

- **From Picayune:**
 - Take Highway 43 S to Highway 603
 - Turn N and travel for approximately 1.5 miles
 - SWCD office is located just N of Coast Electric Power Association building (it is on right and our office is on left).
- **From Hattiesburg, MS**
 - Take I-59 S towards New Orleans, La.
 - Take Highway 53S Exit 27 toward Poplarville/Necaise, MS.
 - Stay on Highway 53 - will split.
 - Take Highway 603 S to 18335 Highway 603
 - **Note:** From Highway 53 to office approximately 32 miles. Office is on right. If get to Highway 43 - you have gone too far.